



# The Florida Senate

## Local Funding Initiative Request

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024

LFIR # 2986

**1. Project Title**

Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area Fentanyl Death and Gun Violence Suppression Initiative

**2. Senate Sponsor**

Corey Simon

**3. Date of Request**

03/06/2023

**4. Project/Program Description**

The sheriffs of Leon, Gadsden, Jefferson, and Wakulla Counties comprising the Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (TMSA) have joined together to support regional crime-fighting collaborations through programs such as "Deputies without Borders" and the "North Star Drug Task Force." Previous collaborations of this type have resulted in numerous arrests and seizures of illegal firearms, drugs, and currency. In order to target deadly substances such as fentanyl, reduce overdose deaths, and drive down firearm-related violence associated with the drug trade, the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is seeking to expand its locally-funded services within the TMSA using existing collaborative agreements between the four sheriffs by implementing a dedicated law enforcement unit committed to combating drug and firearms crimes that are most commonly solved by search warrants obtained and executed during narcotics investigations.

**5. State Agency to receive requested funds**

Department of Law Enforcement

**State Agency contacted?**

No

**6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	499,989
Fixed Capital Outlay	0
<b>Total State Funds Requested</b>	<b>499,989</b>

**7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (including matching funds available for this project)**

Type of Funding	Amount	Percentage
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	499,989	64%
<b>Matching Funds</b>		
Federal	0	0%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0%
Local	280,000	36%
Other	0	0%
<b>Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2023-2024</b>	<b>779,989</b>	<b>100%</b>

**8. Has this project previously received state funding?**

No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	Nonrecurring		

**9. Is future funding likely to be requested?**

No

**a. If yes, indicate nonrecurring amount per year.****b. Describe the source of funding that can be used in lieu of state funding.**



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10. Has the entity requesting this project received any federal assistance related to the COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes

If yes, indicate the amount of funds received and what the funds were used for.

N/A

## Complete questions 11 and 12 for Fixed Capital Outlay Projects

### 11. Status of Construction

a. What is the current phase of the project?

☐ Planning ☐ Design ☐ Construction

b. Is the project "shovel ready" (i.e permitted)?

c. What is the estimated start date of construction?

d. What is the estimated completion date of construction?

12. List the owners of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owners of the facility and the entity.

### 13. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
<b>Administrative Costs:</b>		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		0
Other Salary and Benefits		0
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		0
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Operational Costs: Other</b>		
Salary and Benefits	3 FTE - Narcotics Detectives @ \$93,333 per FTE (includes FICA, medicare, over-time pay, life insurance, FRS, health insurance, Workers Compensation, and liability insurance)	280,500
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	Equipment/Software/Hardware: Computer/Dock @ \$2,800/FTE; Cell Phone @ \$400/FTE; Software \$1,500/FTE; Training/Travel/Certifications @ \$4,000/FTE; Uniforms, Equipment, Weapons, Radios @ \$14,463 per FTE; Fully equipped, unmarked law enforcement vehicle @ \$50,000/FTE.	219,489
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		0
<b>Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:</b>		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		0
<b>Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)</b>		<b>499,989</b>

### 14. Program Performance



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**a. What specific purpose or goal will be achieved by the funds requested?**

The sheriffs of the counties comprising the U.S. Census Bureau Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area (TMSA) have joined together to support regional crime-fighting programs such as "Deputies without Borders" and the "North Star Drug Task Force." The Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is seeking to expand its locally-funded services within the TMSA using existing collaborative agreements to commit more resources to combating drug and firearms crimes.

**b. What activities and services will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**

Funds will support 3 full-time detective positions assigned to investigate crimes involving fentanyl and other dangerous opioids, the drug trade, and associated firearms crimes within the TMSA. Cases that meet HIDTA case criteria will be referred. TMSA agencies will initiate comparatively more investigations, execute more related search warrants, and seize more fentanyl and illegal firearms.

**c. What direct services will be provided to citizens by the appropriation project?**

Thorough investigation of crimes involving fentanyl and other dangerous opioids, the drug trade, and associated firearms crimes within the TMSA will drive down the occurrences of these incidents, lead to an enhanced sense of safety among members of the general public, and reduce the number of senseless deaths related to these problems.

**d. Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**

UNABLE TO ESTIMATE THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS AT THIS POINT IN TIME -THIS IS A NEW PROGRAM

**e. What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**

Fentanyl and other dangerous opioids, the drug trade, and associated firearms crimes take too many lives in Florida each year. Such crimes are solved through the initiation of drug investigations and the service of search warrants. These investigations will drive down the occurrences of such incidents, lead to enhanced sense of safety among the public, and reduce incident recurrence and deaths. Success will be measured by the reduction of overdose deaths within the TMSA.

**f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for the contract?**

Standard penalties are appropriate. Return of appropriations.

**15. Requester Contact Information**

a. First Name  Last Name   
b. Organization   
c. E-mail Address   
d. Phone Number  Ext.

**16. Recipient Contact Information**

a. Organization   
b. Municipality and County

**c. Organization Type**

- ☐ For Profit Entity  
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(3)  
☐ Non Profit 501(c)(4)



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☒ Local Entity

☐ University or College

☐ Other (please specify)

**d. First Name**  **Last Name**

**e. E-mail Address**

**f. Phone Number**

#### 17. Lobbyist Contact Information

**a. Name**

**b. Firm Name**

**c. E-mail Address**

**d. Phone Number**